Mr. A. Gopala Menon : The decrease in the strength in the Departmental Primary Schools is due to ;

(1) the abolition or amalgamation of over-lapping schools.

(2) the opening of new schools under private managements to suit the requirements of the various localities ; and

(3) the migration of pupils from departmental to private schools to satisfy the new rule fixing a minimum strength of 40 pupils in each class for earning grant-in-aid

Text books.

15. *** Mr. A. N. Satyanesan :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of text books revised in 1119 ;

(*b*) the expenditure incurred thereby ; and

(*c*) the personnel engaged on the work ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : (*a*) 4.

(*b*) No payment was made in 1119.

(*c*) Malayalam Grammar and Composition Part III—Mr. P. Ananthan Pillai.

Agriculture Part I (Malayalam)—Mr. T. K. Koshy.

Elementary Mathematics Part II (Tamil)—Mr. K. S. Krishnaswami Iyengar.

Travancore History (Malayalam)—Mr. P. N. Kunjan Pillai.

Kayamkulam-Kartikapalli road.

16 *** Mr. G. Madhavan** (*Karunagapally, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha cum Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to give the following particulars in regard to the Kayamkulam-Kartikapalli road,

(*a*) the total length ,

(*b*) the length of the completed portion ;

(*c*) whether land for the whole is acquired ; and

(*d*) the reasons for the delay in completing the road ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : (*a*) Eight miles.

(*b*) The work in the first section of the road from Kayamkulam to Pullukulangara, 2 miles in length is in progress.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Non-assumption of lands.

Mr. G. Madhavan : May I know from the honourable member how much land is required for the completion of the road?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : The exact area of the land is not known to me. The information must be available with the Revenue Department,

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